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R 241212Z OCT 74
FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
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NAIROBI FOR RCO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ACOM, SU
SUBJ: BACK-UP COMMUNICATIONS - TELEX SERVICE

1. NORTHRUP-PAGE HAS COMPLETED BUILDING A SATELLITE EARTH STATION IN KHARTOUM WHICH WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL MID-NOVEMBER, PROVIDING DIRECT DIAL TELEX SERVICE BETWEEN KHARTOUM AND MAJOR EUROPEAN CITIES (NOTABLY LONDON) AND US. STATION WILL OPERATE VIA SATELLITE THAT IS NOW OPERATIONAL OFF WEST COAST OF AFRICA.

2. WHEN ADMINO SANDERSON WAS IN NAIROBI CIRCA MAY 73 HE TALKED TO RCO RICHARDSON ABOUT SUBSCRIBING TO TELEX SYSTEM AS A BACK-UP FOR OUR PRESENT COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. AFTER TALKING TO PTT OFFICIALS WE HAVE LEARNED FOLLOWING:

A. QUITE A FEW OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE ALREADY SUBSCRIBED TO TELEX SYSTEM AND IF WE WANT TO WE SHOULD ASAP, SINCE EQUIPMENT IS LIMITED AND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE PRIORITIES.

B. COST: THERE WOULD BE AN INITIAL NON-RECURRING DEPOSIT OF LS 250.000 (US $625.00) FOR EQUIPMENT; RENTAL AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT WILL BE LS 370.000 (US $925.00) PER ANNUM AND APPROX. LS 5.000 (US $12.50) FOR INSTALLATION OF LINE.
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C. CALLS WILL BE AT INTERNATIONAL RATES.1-

$. SYSTEM WILL HAVE 24-HOUR USAGE AND 24-HOUR MAINTENANCE.

E. SYSTEM WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DISABLING
ANSWER-BACK MECHANISM.

F. SYSTEM WILL TIE INTO WUU IN STATES.

E. PROS OF SYSTEM ARE:

A. TELEX WOULD GIVE US BACK-UP IN CASE SOMETHING
HAPPENED TO OUR PRESENT RTTY SYSTEM, E.G., ANTENNA BEING SHOT
OFF ROOF AS ALMOST HAPPENED IN 1971;

B. IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO RRF ATHENS, SYSTEM COULD BE
ACTIVATED; AND

C. SYSTEM COULD BE USED FOR CALL-INS IN CASE CELL-CALL DID
NOT WORK.

4. CONS OF SYSTEM ARE:

A. COST SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AGAINST ACTUAL USAGE TO
DETERMINE IF SYSTEM IS WORTHWHILE;

B. SYSTEM WE HAVE NOW, WORKING RRF ATHENS, IS RELIABLE; AND

C. WE ARE NOT SURE WHEN WE COULD EXPECT INSTALLATION OR IF
PTT HAS QUALIFIED
MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL OR NECESSARY SPARE
PARTS.

5. REQUEST YOUR ADVICE.
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